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1. One thousand economic workers, trained by the Economic Defense Bureau of the Ministry of Public Security of the Chinese Communist Government, have been assigned to the principal production agencies of the Ministry of Heavy Industry. These production agencies include steel plants, coal mines, chemical factories, etc. These economic workers have the responsibility of organizing Production Defense Departments in the agencies to which they are assigned.
2. The Production Defense Department in each agency has two major tasks. The first is to organize the workers who believe in Communism so that they will influence other workers by leadership and example to increase production efficiency. These workers will be indoctrinated to take the initiative in increasing output, decreasing waste, lowering costs and raising productivity per man-day. The second task is to infiltrate the rank and file of the workers for the purpose of identifying those who are dissatisfied with the Communists, breaking up activities among the workers which are inconsistent with the policies of the Chinese Communist Party, and detecting espionage and sabotage activities.
3. Agencies under the Ministry of Heavy Industries completed organization of the Production Defense Departments

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